

PCN broadcast, feedback

[the announcement of the interview on the PCN webpage]

PA Books: "Delaware & Hudson Canal Co. Gravity Railroad, Vol. 1-5"

By Francine Schertzer on Feb 15, 2015

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company was established in 1823 to mine the anthracite coal resources in the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys of Pennsylvania and to market that coal in New York City. An integral component of the transportation system that the D&H created to transport that coal to market was the Gravity Railroad that the company established between Carbondale and Honesdale. In order to meet market needs for anthracite coal, which increased dramatically in the course of the nineteenth century, the D&H established five different configurations of that Gravity Railroad between 1829 and 1899. These five volumes are the most detailed and comprehensive history ever written about that Gravity Railroad.

S. Robert Powell is the President of the Carbondale Historical Society.

PA Books airs Sunday nights at 7PM.

"Jane Varcoe" <janev@socantel.net>

To: "S. Robert Powell" srp18407@yahoo.com

Jane Varcoe

8:26 PM, 02-16-15

to me

Brilliant job Robert. Articulate, interesting and insightful. Liked sprinkling in of photos, very professional job and interviewer really acted interested. Sometimes when I have watched his interviews he struggles to get answers out of authors which are enlightening, interesting and entertaining. Give yourself an A+!

Of course I have one disappointment but this happens often.



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Robert, Mike is the webmaster for D&H THC. Is there some way your PCN presentation could be put on site?

Also are we ever going to get out act in order at D&H THC and get those 5 minute videos completed?

From: [Mike at Coach House Players](#)

Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 10:52 PM

To: ['Jane Varcoe'](#)

Subject: RE: : videos from Carbondale to

Super. When you get them done, we can put them on the website.

Cheers,

Mike

Fred Moase

11:41 AM, 02-16-15

Dr. just caught the program online, very nice congratulations.

nice job great publicity for the City

Fred

02-16-2015, 11 A.M.

Ed Hodorawis just came by to say: "Your interview on PCN last night was unbelievable. Interesting, comprehensive, beautiful delivery. It couldn't have been better."

Peggy Brager

8:21 PM, 02-16-2015)

to me

Hello Dr. Powell,
We just finished watching your interview on PNC and wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed it. You looked great and sounded so knowledgeable and passionate! I had sent emails to all our members to remind them about the program, and as soon as it was over, I had a phone call from one of them, saying how much she enjoyed it, and how she was so impressed with you. God surely gave you a gift and He must be so pleased that you're passing on your research to the public that will be appreciated for years to come.

Frank & Peggy Brager

Ken Atkinson

10:25 PM, 02-16-2015

GRAFXPRESS DIGITAL STUDIOS [VIA EIGBOX.NET](http://VIA.EIGBOX.NET)

to me

I watched the program on PCN tonight. Your presentation and discussion was excellent. It was nicely done to maintain interest throughout the entire hour. Great job. I did record it on a DVR. Hopefully, I can capture it off the DVR and put it in DVD

Ken

Ken Atkinson

3 P.M. on 02-16-2014

Hank Loftus just phoned to say that the interview was "excellent." "You were very smooth, fluent, articulate, and it was a pleasure to watch."

Jerry Williams, 3 P.M. on 02-16-2015

"Great interview.....watched the whole thing as soon as your email arrived....Thank you"

5 P.M., Tom Lipiec, a poultry friend

"You were beyond good. That was excellent."

Tom was very excited and enthusiastic in his praise. "This interview shows an aspect of you that not one person in the APA [American Poultry Association] knows about. You were amazing. Congratulations."

02-18-2015, Ted Frutche: "You were beyond wonderful on Sunday night on PCN. Congratulations. "

RE: TV STAR

Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:52 AM

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On Wed, 2/18/15, Gordon <gswjgw@ptd.net> wrote:

Subject: TV STAR

To: "Robert Powell" <srp18407@yahoo.com>

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 3:03 PM

Hi Robert: So
good to see you Sun. nite on PCN as you shared
info
on your new books on the D&H railroads, gravity
and canal system. You
did a great job. Best wishes to you on these and
all your future
endeavors.
Our Best,
Gordon & Joan W. :-)

From:

"S. Powell" <srp18407@yahoo.com>

To:

"Gordon" <gswjgw@ptd.net>

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Thanks. Pleased to know that you saw the broadcast. It pleases me a lot to be able to help tell the story of Carbondale's remarkable past.

Gordon: Every time I have an appointment with Dr. Perotti, I look for you.

Hope you are both well and are staying warm. No heat on the third floor of City Hall, so it's somewhat of a challenge to stay warm on a day like today. I have two space heaters going right now, and have a blanket over my shoulders. So, it's on with the show.

Best,

Robert

Re: Interview

On Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 11:22 AM, Matthew Furey <mfurey1112@gmail.com> wrote:

Uncle Robert

Donald sent me a link of the interview that you recently had, I watched it last night and thought it was awesome! I thought throughout the whole hour, which is a long time to speak with someone, you were great explaining D&H Gravity railroad and really explaining everything about it, to where it all made sense to someone like me, who had no prior knowledge of D&H Railroad.

It comes to no surprise to me, that this so happened to be founded in Carbondale. The history of Carbondale is fascinating and continues to interest me.

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know I saw it and loved watching the interview.

I hope all is well Uncle Robert, and hopefully I'll be back up soon to visit my family from Carbondale.

Your Friend

Matthew Furey

12:14 PM, 02-19-
2015)

S. ROBERT
POWELL <SRP18407@GMAIL.COM>

to Matthew

Thanks, Furey, very pleased to know that you saw the interview.

PCN is a very impressive organization. They liked me, I like them. The entire interview was done in one take (no cuts, no re-takes)--which, I was told, rarely, if ever, happens.

At the end of the interview, the PCN guy said:"Robert that was wonderful. Congratulations. I've been doing PA Books for 15 years, and never before have I asked the author I was speaking with to sign a copy of his book for me, but I would like very much for you to sign a copy of your book for me." I did so, of course, with pleasure.

Ten below zero here, again this morning. It's gotta end sometime.

Hope you're staying warm.

Best,

Uncle Robert

FWD: INTERVIEW



12:25 PM (0 minutes
ago)

S. ROBERT
POWELL <SRP18407@GMAIL.COM>

to Donald

Very pleased to learn that you watched the interview on PCN. A very nice experience from start to finish.

Thanks for sending the link to Furey. Got a very nice email (given here) from him this morning.

Hope you're staying warm.

Uncle Robert

02-20-2015

At the Burger King drive-through window, this morning, the young woman there addressed me by name (I don't know who she is) and said: "A girl who works in the kitchen here just told me to tell you that she saw you on the TV on Sunday and you were great." "Thanks very much," said I.

RE: JUST ANOTHER DAY IN CARBONDALE (WHERE WONDERFUL
THINGS HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS)



> -----Original Message-----
> From: S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>
> To: at Robinson <cliff_jr@dandhconservancy.org>
> Subject: Just another day in Carbondale (where wonderful things happen on a regular basis)
> Sent: Feb 16 '15 12:46
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> 02-16-2015
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> Dear Cliff:
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> If, for one hour, you would like to forget about the punishing weather

> that most of us have had to endure for the past couple of weeks (ten
> below zero at my house this morning), go to www.pcntv.com and click on
> PA Books.
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> There you will find Brian Lockman (President and CEO of the
> Pennsylvania Cable Network) and SRP having a talk about the Delaware
> and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad. The interview/discussion
> was broadcast last night on the Pennsylvania Cable Network.
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> Three cheers for Carbondale and the D&H.
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> Best,
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> SRP

8:52 PM (14 hours
ago)

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CLIFF JR
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to me

Robert,

Just watched it. Fantastic! Congrats for both the CDs and the broadcast. I tried to watch as if I knew nothing about it and I know it would intrigue me enough to want to find out more. Hopefully it does just that. I wonder if there is a New York counterpart to the PCN that would like to know more about the canal? I'm glad you got a plug in for the DHTHC. We all missed you at the meeting but completely understood why you opted for the broadcast. Once again it was just phenomenal.

Cliff

11:21 AM (0 minutes
ago)

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. ROBERT POWELL <SRP18407@GMAIL.COM>
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to cliff

Friday the 20th

Cliff:

Thanks. Your opinion means a lot to me.

The interview might be a good addition to the DHTHC webpage. I'll contact PCN and ask them if we can use it on our webpage.

Robert

Saturday the 21st, at D. G. Nicholas store on Eighth Avenue, Carbondale, at noon:

A man named Williams from Waymart: "Saw you on television on Sunday. You were very good." Friendly sort of guy.

02-16-15: Jerry Williams: "Great interview.....watched the whole thing as soon as your email arrived....Thank you"

02-16-15: Bart Pals: "Wow! Completely interesting and fascinating! I have forwarded this to our son Logan, in Boston. I have, also, forwarded this on to several others, I hope that is alright. Thank you, Bart"

02-16-2015: Bart: I forgot to tell you that I stopped the video, went and got the atlas, and followed along via your references to the towns. I think I have a feel for the path the rail and canal followed. Thanks, again, Bart

02-16-15, DWP II:

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to me

Uncle Robert:

I listened to the full broadcast of "PA Books" with Brian Lockman on the PCN website today at work and was very impressed. I thought the interview was interesting, informative, highlighted your extensive understanding of

the subject matter, humorous on several occasions, and demonstrated how passionate you are about the D&H project. Your work thus far has really garnered some attention and positive feedback. Bravo!

It's always nice when an interviewer stays "out of the way" and asks well-directed questions, which I thought Mr. Lockman did throughout the interview. Twice he asked questions that I myself was thinking at the time, so I had a good time listening along and watching a minute or two here and there when I could. I, of course, will not share this with my Dad but I felt very good after watching the broadcast and have shared the link with some friends.

The long nights are winding down and it won't be long before my schedule returns to normal. I have all but forgotten what a 5:30 departure feels like and I'll be more than happy to find out again. We are expecting snow this evening so I'm secretly hoping we have a snow day and I can work from home tomorrow.

Time to head home for the day.

Donald

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02-16-2015: Bill Weinstein

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HAPPEN ON A REGULA...



Feb 16 (5 days
ago)

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to me

Dear SRP:

I just watched a half-hour of the program. It is totally fascinating. And of course I was so happy to see how what has turned into a life's work has born such incredible fruit. I recall walking that path with you and your young friend circa 1981.

You look marvelous and sound marvelous, very much like the friend I made so many decades ago: the wry smile, the intensity of devotion, the formidable memory, the volubility when speaking about a topic dear to you. How wonderful that the newsletter paid for and produced by Salomon Brothers should turn into a set of DVD'd PDF's!

Of course, living in New Paltz, and having become familiar with the Wallkill, the Rondout and the Hudson, and having bicycled on Berme Road, which parallels the C&O Canal (I think), your story is all the more compelling. You manage to connect so many threads and strains into a network that becomes a fascinating piece of American history. I've never forgotten that miniature Brooklyn Bridge on the Delaware.

I must tell you that the transmission of the interview stalled twice at 30:10. Andrea and I were not able to get past that point, despite reloading the page. Perhaps you can help to address this problem, and that way we can hear the interview to the end.

I really would like to say hello sometime in 2015. Jacob is now 12 and seems quite brilliant. He astonishes me. Harry is 9 and is funny, creative and musical. Anya -- life is never-ending -- is 5, and is a very strong and intelligent little girl, also musical (as is Jacob) and well worth meeting.

I trust Donald is well, and also your nephew. And the poultry.

Best,

Bill W.

Michael Margotta, 02-16-2015



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Feb 17 (4 days ago)

to me

Robert

Thank you for sending the video. I watched the entire interview and found it very interesting. Although I have read some books on the Gravity Railroad and D&H canal your extensive research presented new facts and a broader coverage. **There are so many aspects of the history which effects all of us who were brought up in the area that I am surprised we never had exposure to it in our schools.**

Regards, Michael Margotta

Michele Bannon, 02-16-2015:

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN CARBONDALE (WHERE WONDERFUL THINGS
HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS)



Feb 17 (4 days ago)

MICHELE BANNON

to me, Alice, Ann, Bart, Bill, Brad, Joel, Carl, Carl, Cliff, Cory, Donal
d, Eric, Frederick, Ginger, Henry, Buberniak, Jane, Janice, Jeffrey, Jo
seph, Julie, Justin, Kenneth, Kevin

IMPRESSIVE INTERVIEW! As always Doctor Powell you represent the City of
Carbondale with the true essence of who we are.....a community grounded in
ingenuity and honor; always keeping our eye on the future. Thanks for representing
the us!

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Leo Burke, 02-17-2015:

Feb 17 (4 days
ago)

LEO BURKE

to me

Hi Robert,
Congratulations!
I was able to view the interview last night on the PCN website. It was an excellent interview and very informative. You distinguished yourself and the Carbondale Historical Society.
So, indeed, three cheers for Carbondale and the D&H - and three cheers for S. Robert Powell and the Carbondale Historical Society!
Leo Burke

02-17-2015, Cory Conway

CONGRATULATIONS!



Feb 17 (4 days ago)

CORY CONWAY

to me

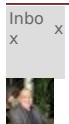
2/17/2015

I made my way over to the PCN website last night and watched the hour long interview. I must say, you really took the interviewer to school on all things D&H, and surely raised the awareness of the significance of the D&H to him, as well as others throughout the viewing area. I was also able to learn a few things from the interview that I either had not known to this point, or needed a brief refresher on a few details. No matter how you slice it, your interview represented yourself, the Historical Society, and the City of Carbondale equally well

02-16-15

Joel:

ST ANOTHER DAY IN CARBONDALE (WHERE WONDERFUL THINGS
HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS)



Feb 16 (5 days ago)

JOEL

to me

Very impressive. You look quite serious and elegant.

I was just out in Arizona grace a Cartier. 80 degrees and no humidity every day. I can see why people go there.

I hope all is well with you. Nice to hear from you.

Best,

Joe

JUST ANOTHER DAY IN CARBONDALE (WHERE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN ON A REGULAR BASIS)

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5:53 PM (2 minutes ago)

KEVIN BERRY

to me

Rob,

That was a wonderful interview and I learned a lot of things about northeast PA that I never heard before. Thank you so much for sharing this with me and I hope you're doing really well!

- Kevin
